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Mayor Barrett this morning issued the following statement regarding the announcement of Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty's retirement:

Late yesterday afternoon, Police Chief Nan Hegerty informed me of her decision to retire from the Milwaukee Police Force, effective in November of this year.

I have enjoyed working with Chief Hegerty and have tremendous respect for her as a person, as a law enforcement officer, and as an administrator. At the same time, I respect and understand her decision to spend more time with her husband and pursue her personal interests. Her legacy at the Milwaukee Police Department will be one to build on.

Chief Hegerty has had a distinguished career and during her tenure as Milwaukee's seventeenth – and first female – Police Chief, she has implemented policies and strategies that have strengthened the Department and steeled our shared resolve to create a safer, stronger Milwaukee.

I am personally thankful for her commitment to the citizens of Milwaukee and the high professional standards she has established within the Department. She has clearly raised the bar.